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IN REPLY REFER TO: 3410 UT-923

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Re: Submittal of All Exploration Data

As a follow-up to our October 15, 2008 letter regarding your possible 2009 exploration plans, we would like to remind the coal operators that it is a requirement under the 43 CFR exploration regulations that all geologic and drilling data be submitted to the BLM following the conclusion of the exploration activity.

Specifically, the regulations at 43 CFR § 3485.1(a) require that all exploration data be submitted to the BLM promptly upon completion of exploration activities, or within 30 days of the end of the calendar year in which the exploration was conducted. The purpose of this letter is to request the operators to make sure that <u>all</u> exploration information is submitted to the BLM in a timely manner so that accurate and reasonable evaluations of the resource can be made for purposes such as mine plans, MER evaluations, R2P2 changes and Fair Market Value determinations. Specifically, we require that all data, including but not limited to vertical drilling from the surface, in-mine drilling between seams, horizontal drilling, seismic studies, geotechnical studies, outcrop work, as well as any other exploration work be submitted to the BLM promptly.

We wish to assure the operators that all data submitted to the BLM is as always, appropriately treated confidentially.

The BLM respectfully requests the Operators to comply with this requirement. We welcome comments on this request and should you or other operators feel it is important to meet and discuss this any further, the BLM will be happy to accommodate you.

Sincerely,

J.D. McKenzie

Acting Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals

Enclosure: List of all operators

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